

"COMFY CALF SUITE"

INNOVATIVE • ERGONOMIC • LABOR-EFFICIENT • DURABLE

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Calf pens

A brief overview.....

Comfy Calf Suites offer an advanced, innovative housing alternative to outdoor hutches and other labor intensive options for penning. Comfy Calf Suites are safe, efficient and most importantly, very comfortable for your calves and you. Ideal for calves up to eight to ten weeks of age, they are built with durable plastic planks and heavy-duty hardware. Comfy Calf Suites are easy to install, easy to clean and the open-front gates allow you to keep a close eye on the future of your dairy herd. Producers throughout the United States, Canada and Europe are choosing Comfy Calf Suites (including numerous repeat customers) to raise calves in curtain barns, greenhouses and other types of facilities.

The benefits



EASY TO INSTALL

Comfy Calf Suites' plastic planks are interlocking. You just snap them together to create side panels. Once your posts are in place, drop in the front gate, mount a channel to the back wall and slide in the panel. Then simply pin the panel to the channel and you are done!



ERGONOMIC DESIGN

With Comfy Calf Suites there's no more climbing over gates or straining under the roof of a hutch to feed, dehorn, treat or observe calves. The galvanized spindle gates at the front of the stall allow you to easily monitor each calf's condition. When you want to enter the stall, the gate can be operated with one hand and it swings in or out. The two-way self-closing latch secures the gate behind you. Easy access to calves in an indoor environment promotes greater interaction time between workers and calves.



STRESS-FREE GROUPING

There's no moving of animals when you want to switch calves to group pens. Simply remove the side panels and instantly create an open space for housing a group of six, eight or even ten calves (limited by the number of stalls in the row.) This provides a simple step-up phase to larger groups. Calves are exposed to increased social interaction in a controlled environment.



HEALTHY CALVES

Comfy Calf Suites' dividers are non-porous so, unlike plywood dividers, they aren't likely to harbor diseases. Calves are close together, yet remain isolated to prevent the spread of disease. There's zero nose-to-nose contact with the extended front design. Air moves easily through the pen's open top and front, producing a healthy environment. Vented back wall allows fresh air to flow through, removing airborne organisms, dust, odors and excess moisture. Lower panels of the vented back wall also allow calves to nest during colder temperatures.

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The post style calf suite is ideal for use in barns where group penning is desired. The posts from which the gates hang are lagged into a concrete base and remain in place all of the time. This allows you to pull out the odd panel to make larger pens and to group a few calves together after they are weaned but before they get moved to larger group pens. Studies have shown that this social integration on a small scale benefits the calves by facilitating the transition to an even larger group pen. Removing panels also gives you the ability to clean out an entire row of pens all at once with a skid loader while leaving the posts and front gates in place.

The benefits, the continuation



LABOR AND SPACE SAVINGS

Unlike calf hutches, which inefficiently spread calves out over large areas, Comfy Calf Suites are together in a row. **Maintain more calves in less floor space and minimize the distance you carry feed and other supplies.**



EASILY ADAPTABLE FOR VARIOUS FACILITIES

Comfy Calf Suites have a versatile design and can be set up in many types of facilities. Producers throughout the United States, Canada and Europe are choosing Comfy Calf Suites (including numerous repeat customers) to raise calves in curtain barns, greenhouses and other type of facilities.



EASY, LABOR EFFICIENT CLEANING

Comfy Calf Suites dramatically decrease the amount of time and effort spent on cleaning pens vs. some alternatives. Simply slide away the dividing side panels and zip through with a skidsteer for a fast, easy clean-up. **Plastic panels can be power-washed and they dry quickly, too.**



DURABILITY

Comfy Calf Suites are built tough to house calves up to 8-10 weeks of age. The 10" (25 cm) deep interlocking plastic panels are a full 2" (51 mm) in width with intermediate reinforcements inside to add strength. Heavy hot-dipped galvanized steel is used to construct the front spindle gates, posts and bucket brackets. Stainless steel panel channels and back wall brackets are designed for maintenance-free durability.

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To install one calf suite

To install one Comfy Calf Suite, you will need the following parts :

- Two side panels (A)
- One front gate, choice of the calf pen width of 36 in (B1) or 48 in (B2)
- One hardware kit (C)
- Two galvanized double posts (D)
- One bag of pins (E)
- **Optional**, one rear panel, closed (F1) or vented (F2)

The hardware kit includes :

- One pail holder with 2 pails
- One door latch
- One gap filler
- One 24 in. receiving channel
- One eyebolt
- All necessary hardware, floor anchors not included

Specifications of each part

Side panel (A)

Dimensions : 41 H x 72 L in
(104 x 182 cm)

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Front gate (B1), for a calf pen width of 36 in (91 cm)

Dimensions : 37 ¼ H x 28 ¾ L in
(94 x 72 cm)

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Front gate (B2), for a calf pen width of 48 in (121 cm)

Dimensions : 37 ¼ H x 39 ½ L in
(94 x 99 cm)

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Ensemble de quincaillerie (C)

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Galvanized double post (D)

Dimensions : 60 in (152 cm)

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Bag of pins (E)

Includes : 5 eyepins and 5 hairpins

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Optional, closed rear panel (F1)

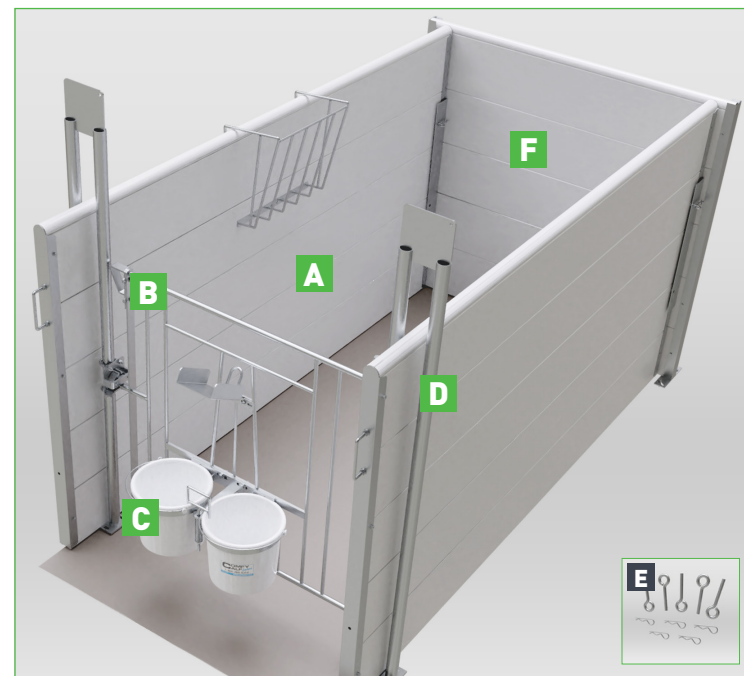
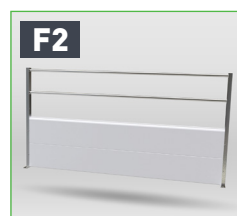
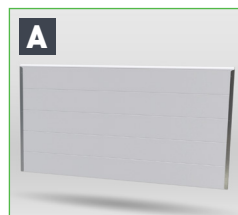
Dimensions : 41 H x 96 L in
(104 x 243 cm)

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Optional, vented rear panel (F2)

Dimensions : 41 H x 96 L in
(104 x 243 cm)

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For a 360° visit, click on the image above



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For the assembly video, click on the image above

Accessories



3L feeding bottle holder
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Hay rack for calf pen
080-9465



Calf pail hold-down
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